

Habitat Management (CSP Enhancements)

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Colorado Enhancement Activity Job Sheet H-13

Name:

Wildlife Habitat Enhancement – Utilize Monitoring of Prairie Dog Colonies in Adaptive Habitat Management

Payment = \$10.00 / Acre / Year for each acre where occupied prairie dog colonies are maintained and managed for the benefit of the prairie dogs and associated wildlife. Payment limitations for this enhancement are based on a minimum colony size of 5 contiguous acres and a maximum combined colony size of 160 acres (no one colony greater than 40 acres or less than 5 acres). Maximum payment is limited to the lesser of 160 acres or 10% of grazing land acres under contract.

Prairie dogs are an important part of shortgrass prairie ecosystems, altering the vegetation and landscape in ways that benefit other native wildlife species. By maintaining occupied prairie dog colonies, foraging and nesting habitat for associated grassland species such as ferruginous hawk, mountain plover, swift fox, and burrowing owl will be maintained or improved.

Documentation Required: Use the following Table for documentation. Attach a plan map showing the field identifier(s) and areas where the prairie dog colonies will be maintained.

Field Identifier	Acres	Management Applied

I certify that I am utilizing prairie dog colonies as explained above in the identified fields.

Name: _____ Date: _____